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1. FOLLOWING IS USDEL HOROWITZ'S STATEMENT TO JUNE 22
PLENARY OF ILC.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. HOROWITZ (GOVERNMENT DELEGATE, UNITED
STATES)-- MR. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR
THE TOLERANCE, PATIENCE AND GOOD JUDGMENT REFLECTED BY YOURSELF
AND BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE, MR AZIMI, IN
WHAT WAS A VERY DIFFICULT, TRYING AND, WE ALL ACKNOWLEDGE, UNSUCCESS-
FUL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE.

I INTERVENE WITH GREAT SADNESS. CAN THERE BE ANY
QUESTION IN ANYONE'S MIND IN THIS CONFERENCE THAT THE CONTINUED
LACK OF AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17, WHICH WOULD SET UP CRITERIA TO
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ENSURE THAT THERE COULD BE NO CONDEMNATION WITHOUT DUE PROCESS, HAS
BEEN ONE OF THE BASIC DISRUPTIVE ELEMENTS CAUSING SO MANY DIFFICULTIES

IN THIS CONFERENCE? AND NOT JUST THIS CONFERENCE, BUT THE CONF-
FERENCES OF THE LAST FEW YEARS.

THE CONFERENCE DECIDED EARLY IN ITS SESSION THAT THE AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNING BODY WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED UNDER THE NORMAL PROCEDURE BY THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE, BUT SENT IT FOR ACTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE. WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE? YES, THERE WERE MANY INTERVENTIONS. I THINK AN EARLIER SPEAKER REFERRED TO 43--I AM NOT SURE OF THAT NUMBER--WHO INTERVENED ON THE QUESTION OF ARTICLE 17. BUT WHAT DID THOSE INTERVENTIONS FOR THE MOST PART REPRESENT? A DETERMINATION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE 17 AT THIS CONFERENCE, THAT IT BE WRAPPED UP WITH INTRACTABLE, DIFFICULT, IMPORTANT PROBLEMS ABOUT WHICH THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY SOLUTIONS AND NO EXPECTATION OF ANY SOLUTIONS IN THIS CONFERENCE. IT WAS MADE A BARGAINING COUNTER WITH RESPECT TO OTHER MATTERS. IS THE PROBLEM OF CONDEMNATION WITHOUT INVESTIGATION AND THE WRITING INTO OUR STANDING ORDERS OF CORRESPONDING GUARANTEES A QUESTION OF EAST OR WEST, NORTH OR SOUTH? YET THOSE WHO SO FREQUENTLY MISUES THE WORD "DEMOCRACY" IN APPLYING IT TO THIS ORGANISATION REFUSED TO ALLOW THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TEXT TO BE CONSIDERED IN THIS CONFERENCE AND HAVE PREVENTED THE PLENARY SESSION OF THIS CONFERENCE FROM PASSING JUDGEMENT AS TO WHETHER THERE WOULD BE IN FACT AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17.

I SAY THIS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF SADNESS BECAUSE, AS AN EARLIER SPEAKER SAID, THERE SEEMED TO BE UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION OF THE PRINCIPLE. BUT WE HAVE SEEN TOO

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OFTEN IN THIS CONFERENCE, AS IN PAST CONFERENCES, THAT WHAT MATTERS IS WHAT IS DONE, NOT WHAT IS DECLARED IN GENERAL. I THINK MONDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING WAS A VERY TRAGIC, A VERY TRAGIC EXAMPLE OF THAT KIND OF PROCESS. WE ARE AGAIN FACED WITH THE FACT THAT THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE REFLECTS NOTHING OF THE MANDATE WHICH IT WAS GIVEN BY THIS CONFERENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE HANDLING OF THE PROBLEMS, THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS, THE COMPLICATIONS, THE DISRUPTIVE REACTIONS WHICH HAVE SO CHARACTERIZED THIS CONFERENCE AND PREVIOUS CONFERENCES ON THE SUBJECT OF "NO CONDEMNATION WITHOUT DUE PROCESS".

LET US NOT TALK ABOUT NEW REALITIES IN THE WORLD AS WE DESTROY THAT SET OF INSTITUTIONS SO PAINFULLY DEVELOPED BY THE ILO OVER THE YEARS TO PROVIDE DUE PROCESS. THOSE ARE THE REALITIES; FOR THE REST, WE CHANGE THOSE REALITIES BY OUR OWN DECISIONS, AND IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT I MUST EXPRESS OUR OWN VERY DEEP REGRET THAT THIS VITAL PROBLEM HAS DELIBERATELY BEEN HANDLED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THIS CONFERENCE HAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO RENDER JUDGEMENT ON THE SUBJECT.

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE MUST DISSOCIATE OURSELVES
FROM THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE. END TEXT. SORENSON

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